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\$7.50 For \$10 and \$12 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

\$10.00 For our \$15.00 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$18.

\$13.50 For our \$18.00 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$22.

\$15.00 For our \$20.00 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$25.



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\$13.50 For our \$18 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$22.

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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FAILURES IN YEAR 1904

There Were Forty-seven in Delaware

AN INCREASE OVER 1903

According to figures compiled by Frank Williams, Manager of Dun's Mercantile Agency in Wilmington, there were 64 business failures in Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during the past year.

Of the failures, 47 were in Delaware, 17 on the Eastern Shore, and Virginia furnished a remarkable year by having no failures in Northampton and Accomac counties, comprised on the Delmarva Peninsula. In 1904 there was an increase of four failures over 1903, and an increase of 13 failures over 1902.

In 1904 there was an increase in liabilities over 1903 of \$241,787.09, and \$267,328.54 over 1902. The assets for 1904 exceeded those of 1903 by \$70,556.20, and exceeded those of 1902 by \$107,458.51.

As compared with the preceding year, Delaware had 15 more failures, with \$263,555.88 more liabilities and \$81,416.40 more assets; Maryland had three less failures, with \$800.09 less liabilities and \$375.20 less assets.

The largest failures in Delaware were in Wilmington, with liabilities of over \$800,000. The record for Wilmington, 36 failures, with total liabilities of \$262,797.46 and assets of \$109,941.82.

The district covered by the figures comprises 14 counties, New Castle, Kent and Sussex of Delaware; Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester, Maryland; and Northampton and Accomac, Virginia.

About 3,000 individuals, firms and corporations are in business in this territory. Following are the figures of the failures in 1904:

	No. Failures	Liabilities	Assets
Delaware.....	47	\$412,892.63	\$162,347.50
Maryland.....	17	100,648.91	57,186.00
Virginia.....	0	\$513,567.54	\$219,533.51

For the purpose of comparison, the following tables are given, showing failures in the preceding two years:

	No. Failures	Liabilities	Assets
Delaware.....	25	\$181,589	\$75,075
Maryland.....	22	48,000	24,800
Virginia.....	4	16,550	12,200
	51	\$246,139	\$112,075

	No. Failures	Liabilities	Assets
Delaware.....	32	\$149,336.75	\$80,931.11
Maryland.....	20	101,483.00	57,561.20
Virginia.....	8	20,568.10	10,485.90
	60	\$271,777.85	\$148,977.31

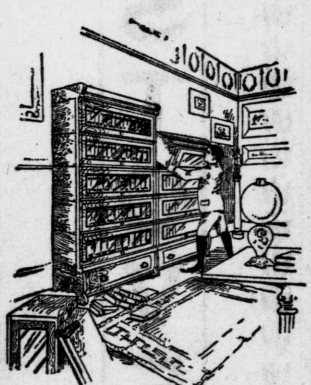
SHOWERS GREETINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1st.—Both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt started the New Year by going to church this morning, the President to the Dutch Reformed Church, of which he is a member, and Mrs. Roosevelt and several of the children to St. John's Episcopal Church, of which she is a member. The family took both luncheon and dinner without guests but received by telephone, telegraph, letter and personal calls the felicitations of a large number of their friends. The guests who were there to make New Year's eve merry remained for the welcoming in of 1905. This afternoon the President went for a horseback ride, accompanied by Senator Lodge, driving from Sixteenth Street and there taking his middle horse.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, who have as their guests over New Year's Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taft, of New York, entertained at dinner to-night General and Mrs. Chaffee, Justice and Mrs. Day, Mr. Nicholas Longworth, Judge Magoon and the Solicitor General and Mrs. Hoyt. Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Mott were hosts at dinner to-night, having as guests Speaker Cannon, Miss Cannon, Mrs. J. L. Loe and Mrs. Chalmers, of Chicago; Attorney General Moody, Miss Oliver, Miss Wagner, Miss McComb, Admiral Capps, Captain Leonard and Major Pershing.

The Ambassador from Austria-Hungary and Baroness Hengelmüller are entertaining Mr. Edmund Hubbard, of New York, and invited to meet her at dinner to-night the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusebrand, Mr. Brun, the Danish Minister, Baron Van Tuijl, the first secretary of the Netherlands Legation, and Baroness Van Tuijl, Viscount and Viscountess De Farmand, of the French Embassy staff; Mrs. William F. Drager, Viscountess De Chambrun, Miss Josephine Patten, Miss Fyryn, Baron Fiska, Mr. Rubido-Zey and Count Hoyer, all of the embassy staff. The Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller will leave Washington January 7th for New York, and after being entertained there will sail for Europe January 14, to spend the next few months in Austria.

SECTIONAL Bookcases



The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase can be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detach the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General line of **Furniture.** CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31st, 1904.

A few of the members of the lower house of Congress who are interested in the administration of the Panama canal announced that they have studied out a way to reduce the number of the Canal Commissioners, and possibly to abolish the Commission altogether. They declare that they have a powerful ally in the President whose views regarding the commission have been considerably modified by the report of Col. Symons who states that after a visit to the Isthmus and a thorough examination of the conditions there he considered the system of administration awkward and inefficient. The law as it stands gives the commissioners practically continuous tenure. The right is reserved to the President to remove the Commissioners, and it is plain that he could reduce the Commission by removing them and refusing to appoint others in their place, but since it was the Senate which insisted on the commission and recommended the appointment of the officers it is not likely he would make use of this privilege. However the law for the administration of affairs in the canal strip expires at the close of the present session of Congress and members of the House it is said will take advantage of the necessity for re-organization to urge a provision to extend the power of the chief engineer and to curtail that of the Commission. If the sentiment of the Senate should be too strongly opposed to this the whole subject could be thrown into conference for compromise. Col. Hepburn, chairman of the Inter state commerce committee is one of the most earnest advocates for a re-organization of the system of administering canal affairs, and is pretty solidly backed by his committee members of which visited the Isthmus in a body last summer. The result of that visit was the unanimous opinion that Chief Engineer Wallace was the most competent man the Government had in its employ there and that he should be given the fullest power possible in the conduct of affairs.

Among the recent callers at the White House was Representative Robert Hitt who would like to be the successor of General Foster as Ambassador to France. Mr. Hitt was first secretary of the American legation in Paris in 1874 and now that he has acquired wealth and honors in his own country he would like to return to the gay city. That its gayety makes an appeal is doubtful for Mr. Hitt has reached the uncertain age of seventy odd summers, and is in poor health. These disadvantages will be remembered when his name was suggested for the vice presidency. Mr. Thomas Walsh the Colorado millionaire has also been talked of as the next ambassador to France, where he made many friends by his lavish entertaining during the last exposition, but altogether the chances for the appointment are with George L. Meyer of Massachusetts, now Ambassador to Italy, who is a personal friend of the President. Either of these three men have the means to establish and maintain a fine establishment in Paris, where though the charms of social life great the expense is greater and a fortune behind one's salary is necessary for the position.

The interest in the Presidents appointments in all classes increases daily. Now that the cabinet places are filled attention turns to the assistant secretaries of departments, and there are as many persons convinced of their fitness for these positions as there are for the higher ones in the cabinet. In fact the assistant secretaries are in many respects the more desirable places. The salaries paid to the assistant secretaries range from \$4,500 to \$7,000 a year, and the prestige is considerable. The other hand an assistant secretary if he desires may live modestly without being exposed to criticism. It is not necessary that he should have an expensive establishment in a fashionable locality or that he should entertain in an official way. Indeed can live simply and some of the assistant secretaries manage to live within their salaries and save something. Of course there are among the wives of these officials who have cards engraved with the titles Mrs. third assistant secretary of Blank Smith and who drive from house to house in the carriage furnished by the government frantically "doing" society, but these are the exception, and a great number of the applicants will seek the places for the money that can be saved from the salary, with the added advantage of living in a city where their children may be educated.

Among the twenty three Assistant Secretaries now in office the greater number served also under President McKinley and were of his selection. Of these it is said many will be retained for the President is averse to changing for the mere sake of giving some one else a berth but there will be still for various reasons, a number of vacancies which he will have to fill with his own men. It is a frequent remark among those disposed to criticize the President that he is not a very good judge of men, and that he has been generally less fortunate in his appointments than Presidents who were not so brilliant and versatile. If this has been the case with his selections among the assistant secretaries it cannot be asserted that having seen a mistake he is reluctant to acknowledge it for among those who will be disposed are several who were his own appointees during the last three years.

All the new county officials assumed their duties Tuesday morning at the County Court House which was accomplished without any undue excitement. Indeed, a stranger would hardly know with the exception of the large number of politicians who crowded the corridors of the county building. Clerk of the Peace Winfield S. Quigley was re-elected and made no change in the personnel of his office force. Prothonotary Frank L. Speakman, who was also re-elected, will retain John Conahan as his deputy. Robert M. Burns, the newly-elected receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer, has appointed James H. Morris and James M. Shakespeare clerks. Philomena Chandler, the new Comptroller, has selected Joseph W. Wigglesworth as his deputy. Harry I. Gillis, the new Sheriff, announced George Cox, Horace G. Rettew, Jr., and David P. Hutchinson as his deputies. Mr. Gillis will attend to his own inside work. All of these are Republicans and were elected at the November election. They have all been sworn in at different intervals since their election and that work was not necessary. Attorney General Robert H. Richards also took his office but did not announce his deputy and it is thought he will not do so until close to the opening of the February term of court. Coroner Parks appointed James T. Chandler Deputy Coroner.

FARM FOR DELAWARE

State Grange Favors Improvements at the College

STATE SHALL ACQUIRE TITLE

DOVER, Del., Dec. 31st.—The special committee appointed at the annual session of the Delaware State Grange in 1903 to visit Delaware College and report at the annual session of 1904, submitted the following report, which owing to the important recommendations contained therein, was favorably acted upon and adopted by the Grange.

"We visited the college, accompanied by Brother S. M. Messick, of Bridgeville, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Delaware College. The college is well located in the beautiful and cultured town of Newark. The recitation halls are comparatively new and are well adapted to their purposes and quite large enough for the present needs of the college. The equipment, so far as we would judge, was up to date, and in the engineering and some other departments, is of superior quality and character and fully meets the demands of the institution. The shops for practical work are ample and we found at the time of our visit a new carpenter shop was being fitted up. We were impressed with the fact everywhere that the young men in the mechanical arts were receiving most excellent and valuable information. Dr. Harter, who welcomed us and showed us every attention and every courtesy, informed us that the college had a full corps of teachers who are well qualified to perform their duties.

"We found, however, that the institution is almost without dormitories for the boys and has no building of any kind for girls. Many of the students are compelled to seek rooms outside of the college building. The college has no gymnasium which as an educational appliance is as necessary for physical training as books are for mental discipline and development.

"The condition that impressed us most deeply and sadly, was the almost utter lack of equipment for teaching agriculture. The laboratory is fairly well supplied with apparatus for giving instruction in dairying. What the institution emphatically needs is a farm. The college has no land for agriculture purposes and your committee believes that the farm is as necessary as an educational appliance in teaching agriculture as shops for mechanic arts and a laboratory for chemistry. This lack should be supplied by an appropriation from the State Treasury, and the appropriation should be large enough to purchase a good farm of moderate size equip it with all ordinary farm buildings and in addition model barns and stables and a complete building for a dairy school and a special building adapted to giving instruction and demonstrations in horticulture. Your committee would repeat and emphasize a paragraph of the report which was adopted by this Grange in session in this room two years ago, as follows:

"One thing that is especially needed to equip the college is a farm; not to be run as a money-making machine, but as an educational appliance just as the shops are run; not to turn out merchandise, but to turn out trained men. Trained men are needed in the agriculture of Delaware—seriously needed. The college should turn them out, and when it has an up-to-date equipment for this purpose, Delaware farmers will send their sons to supply the raw material. Incidentally, the college should also be equipped to turn out trained women.

"We would also call attention to the fact that the institution is governed by a large body of trustees, some thirty in number, one-half of whom represent the old corporation and the other half of whom are appointed by the Governor. It is possible that a more compact and smaller body would be more harmonious and effective in their management of the institution. But at any rate, some agreement should be made with the board of trustees by which the State should acquire absolutely, for purpose of education, the entire property of the college and when this is done ample appropriation should be made not only for running expenses, but also for farm and farm equipment."

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS

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SECRETARY'S PAY REDUCED

Legislature Expected to Pass Bill on Salary Basis

EMOLUMENT ABOUT \$5,000

DOVER, Jan. 3d.—The office of Secretary of State, which is worth \$15,000 a year in fees, will soon cease to be such a lucrative post. It was learned to-day that two bills have been prepared by the Regular Republicans and Union Republicans, respectively, placing this office, as well as all other State and county positions on a salary basis. Both bills will be expected, be introduced shortly and it is believed that one of them—the measure which shall meet with the approval of the committee—will pass both the House and the Senate. Then the struggle for the place now held by Dr. Caleb R. Layton, and which is an important factor in the legislative deadlock, will cease.

It is stated that under the proposed order of things, the salary of the Secretary will be about \$5,000 a year from which he will have to pay his clerical force, leaving him approximately \$4,000 per annum net. Should the General Assembly succeed in organizing early and in the event of the bill going through both Houses before the inauguration of Governor-elect Lea, it is regarded as certain that Governor Hann would give his approval of the measure. The present executive has had pronounced views on the "fee" question for some time, believing that all offices should be on a definite salary foundation.

As the Regular Republicans and Union Republicans have both declared in their State platforms in favor of this innovation, their approval of the plan is naturally expected. The Democrats will also support the measure. Should the bill not be adopted until after Governor-elect Lea goes into office, it will not die in inaction on his part for it is generally believed that he is of the same frame of mind on this subject as Governor Hann. As soon as the organization squabble shall be settled, and the Legislature is in a position to transact business, the salary bills will be brought out. While there may be some opposition, it will probably not be of sufficient strength to prevent the enactment of one of the measures. The legislators were too much engaged in the organization muddle to-day to discuss the matter at any length.

OUR THOUGHTS

If every mind could drape in words its thoughts
If every heart could its deep feeling speak—
How would an unknown power to begin spring!
How would the great and strong leap from the weak!

All think—but few can clothe in flesh of words
The soul of thought—that fine, ethereal thing;
All feel—but few can to the surface-tide of sounding speech one pearl of coral bring.
As fields of grain, unharvested, unstored,
Make only refuse that dumb cattle tread
But gathered in rich sheaves and garnered well,
Give unto tens of thousands daily bread:

So thoughts, though ripe, wide-scattered and diffused,
In wanton waste, as worthless refuse, lie;
But stored and used with wisdom and generous hand,
They feed and nourish souls that else would die.

Our thoughts—they flitter as the passing birds—
They dart, as sudden meteors through the sky.
Or, like the lightning of a far-off cloud,
Flash for a moment, and forever die.

They must be held and nourished if we would
See them to full and perfect ripeness grow;
As flowers that are in nature small and pale,
Beneath the florist's hand with beauty glow.

If we could heap in one connected whole
Thought's broken fragments, we would start to see
How rich in hidden wealth—as sterile soil
Holds finest ore—the poorest mind would be!

As single cords snap in the hand of child,
Yet, bound together, are as cable strong;
So isolated thoughts lack strength and power—
Marshalled in ranks they sweep in might along.

As currency they must be turned and used,
Not hid and hoarded as the miser's gold;
Thus shall they be as the life-giving sun,
Or seeds that scattered yield a hundred fold.

Thus shall they be as stones in water flung
Whose rippling circles widen as they spread;
As mighty trees that luscious fruit will bear
When he who planted them is with the dead.

F. H. MARR.

EDITOR TELLS TRUTH IN ONE ISSUE

A Missouri editor announces that for just one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few of the items from this issue: John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday. John Doyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty, dusty and noisily odorous. How can he expect to do much?

Rev. Stutz preached Sunday night on "Charity." The sermon was punk. Dave Smokey died last Saturday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is he was drunk and whiskey is what killed him.

Married—Miss Sylvia Rhodes and James Canahan, last Sunday evening at the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known as an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks all his life and doesn't amount to much. They will have a hard life while they live together, and the News has no congratulations to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union.

HOPKINS HEADS LEVY COURT

Mill Creek Hundred Representative Chosen Chairman

KNOWLES WAS RE-ELECTED

C. Canby Hopkins, of Mill Creek hundred, was Tuesday morning elected president of the new Levy Court for one year. Mr. Hopkins has already served two years as county commissioner and was the only old member of the court who was re-elected. Horace G. Knowles, who served the old court as counsel for two years, was also re-elected to that position. The new court was called to order at 10.30 o'clock by Clerk of the Peace Quigley. The members who will conduct the county affairs for four years are as follows:

The Court's Personnel
President C. Canby Hopkins, Harry A. Brown, James Logue, Robert McFarlin, Charles H. Salmon, William A. Scott and John W. Greenfield.

The membership is four Republicans and three Democrats. The majority members had their caucus well organized and it only took a few minutes to elect a president. After the court had been called to order Mr. Brown moved that Robert McFarlin be made temporary chairman which motion prevailed. When Mr. McFarlin took his seat James Logue, one of the Wilmington commissioners, nominated C. Canby Hopkins for chairman for one year.

Hopkins Elected Unanimously
Mr. McFarlin appointed Commissioners Salmon and Brown as tellers. The first vote stood 7 for Mr. Hopkins and two blanks. A second vote was ordered which gave Mr. Hopkins the unanimous vote of the court. The new chairman was escorted to the chair by Commissioner Scott.

Mr. Hopkins in accepting the chairmanship thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him. He said that all he could ask, was that the record of the new court should stand side by side with that of its predecessors. He said: "It is up to us to see that the people's money is expended in the proper channel." He extended his thanks and appreciation to the former members of the court and other county officials for their courtesy. To the representatives of the press he extended a cordial welcome to all the meetings of the court and said it was only through the newspapers that the citizens can be kept informed of the work of the court.

President Hopkins and Commissioners
Brown and Salmon were appointed a committee of three to prepare a set of rules to govern the court.

Scott Glad to Get Back
The president called on some of the new members for remarks. Commissioner Scott, who was a member of the court several years ago, said the room seemed familiar, but the faces were new. He said he glad to get back in the court and thought the members should all work together for the best interests of the people of New Castle County.

Mr. Logue said he expected to do the best he knew how for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Mr. Brown said his only wish was that this court could end its term with as much credit as the old court.

During the morning a messenger brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the court room for Mr. Logue. The new commissioner had no intimation as to who the bouquet was from.

Knowles For Attorney
Mr. Logue moved that the court go into the nomination for attorney. Mr. McFarlin nominated H. G. Knowles and Mr. Salmon nominated John H. Rodney. As Mr. Knowles received four of the seven votes he was declared elected.

Committees Appointed
President Hopkins declared a short recess to prepare the committees which were announced later as follows:

Finance, Messrs. Brown, McFarlin and Salmon.
Public Buildings, McFarlin, Brown and Greenfield.

Printing and Stationery, Brown, Logue and Scott.
Coroner and Physicians, Logue, McFarlin and Scott.

Attorney, clerk and sheriff, McFarlin, Logue and Salmon.
Over-paid taxes, McFarlin, Logue and Scott.

Approval of bonds, Brown, McFarlin and Salmon.

Magistrates and constables, Logue, Brown and Scott.

Assessors and inspectors, McFarlin, Logue and Greenfield.

County workhouse, Brown, McFarlin and Greenfield.

Wilmington hundred bridges, Logue, Brown and Salmon.

First district, Logue and Brown.

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THE END IN SIGHT

For ten years the strength of the Union Republican organization has been in the unanimity shown in all its dealings. No matter how much or what the members of the organization would say about matters of policy or procedure, when the committees or the caucuses met, the will of one man has been supreme. To the outside world an unbroken front was displayed. Undoubtedly, this is the strongest kind of a machine, but it carries with it its own destroyer. The truth of this is evidenced by the events of the past week at Dover. In spite of the promises made that the two parties were to be welded together, and in the future there should be but one Republican party, Senator Allee and Secretary of State Layton have done more to widen the breach since the 29th of December last, than had been done for months before. And the meat in the cocoon has been the Secretary of State. Governor Lea positively refused to accept the nomination when it was tendered with a limitation of choice as to this office, and was finally agreed upon without pledges or promises. Still, the leaders of the Union Republicans had so often used the unbroken front of party discipline in their efforts to accomplish their purposes that they decided to use it to secure a second for the present holder of the Secretary of State's office. But there is another Union Republican who considers that his work and work are such as to give him the right to ask for the place, and he finds some influential friends to help him. Among his friends are Senator Pennell and Representative Benson. They are not willing that solemn pledges and promises shall be broken and disregarded, simply to keep Dr. Layton in office. They boldly say so, and as a consequence, the Legislature will probably be organized and ready for business on Monday.

It takes courage to assume the position that the Senator and Representative above referred to have taken, and they will attract more to them as the session wears older. Already there are seven members who are ready to drop the "Addicks or nobody" cry and to concede that the Republicans of New Castle County shall be represented in the Senate of the United States by a man of their choice and not by the choice of Kent and Sussex Counties.

THE EXPLOITATION OF GOOD ROADS

"The development of railroads is largely responsible for our dirt roads persisting with all their primitive defects to the present day. The idea of good, hard post roads, built by the Federal Government, had scarcely taken root and begun to bear fruit when the steam railways became interstate post roads and the United States Government went out of the business of road building.

"The new good roads movement has the sympathy of railroad managers and the active assistance of some of them. The National Good Roads Association has enlisted the services and assistance of several important railroads in its campaign of education. The South is the favorite field for this sort of exploitation. A special train carries the machinery for sample road building here and there. If the people accustomed to bad roads can see for themselves what a good road is and what it means they want good roads. The first train of this kind in this year's work will leave St. Louis on January 9th, over the Missouri, Kansas & Texas system on its educational campaign. On January 20th and 21st a good roads convention will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., in which it is expected that Governors of States and presidents of railroads will unite to further the cause of good roads.

"The railways are interested in good roads because the latter act as feeders of the railways. They develop the territory through which they are built and increase the productive capacity by greatly diminishing the cost

of marketing its crop. Immense sums are wasted every year in every State in the unprofitable work of hauling heavy loads through mud and dust and over heavy grades. Mr. Albert P. Brigham, in the latest issue of the American Geographical Society's Bulletin, points out that the highway experts of Maryland estimate that the bad roads of that State represent a loss in useless expenditure of force to the extent of \$3,000,000 a year. He tells us that it costs about one billion dollars annually to haul the farm products to the United States, and of this sum \$500,000,000, or nearly two-thirds, are wasted in the energy expended in overcoming the resistance of bad roads. He holds, very naturally, in the light of these facts, that the \$20,000,000 expended annually by England and Wales upon their roads and the \$37,500,000 expended by France is true economy. The bad movement in the South has for its objective point the National Treasury. They want Uncle Sam to resume the business of road building which he dropped some seventy-five years ago. They may come, but it is a good way off. Those States will first reap the enormous benefit of good roads which go ahead and build them by State and local appropriation without waiting for overburdened Uncle Sam to take up this line of national expenditure."—*Phila. Press.*

COST OF PORT ARTHUR SIEGE

"Now that Port Arthur has passed from the hands of the Russians to the care of the Japanese there is an effort made to estimate the cost of the siege in men and money. Naturally there is a disposition to exaggerate, and not until the war is ended and the official story is given to the world will it be known what Japan spent to subdue the Russian themselves have wasted.

According to the figures already set forth it is claimed by the Russians that the Japanese spent at least \$100,000,000 to conquer Port Arthur, and at a loss of 80,000 men killed and wounded. What percentage of the Japanese was killed is not set forth. On the other hand it is related by the Russians that their losses were only 39,000 in killed and wounded, but to this number must be added the twenty-five thousand who are now held as prisoners of war. So far as Port Arthur is to be considered it is said that the estimated cost of the wonderful but ineffective fortifications, and the money invested there, amounted to the tremendous total of \$300,000,000. The siege lasted 221 days, so that the destruction went on at an awful rate. Besides, Russia lost seven battleships, four armor cruisers, six protected cruisers, four gunboats and other minor vessels. Then, to the account must be added the warships lost by Japan. Therefore the total cost of the siege will probably aggregate \$500,000,000. And the question the world is now asking is: Does it pay to destroy such a vast quantity of wealth simply to demonstrate which of two nations is right or wrong, or which of two nations is superior from a physical point of view? Arbitration should have settled the dispute."—*Morning News.*

WILL REACH AN AGREEMENT

Dover, Del., January 5th.—While the deadlock over the organization of the Legislature remained unchanged to-day, there are unmistakable signs that a rift in the rupture between the Union Republican Assemblymen will be reached on Monday next, until which time Senate and House took a recess. Tentative sessions of both branches will be held tomorrow and Saturday in order to preserve the continuity of the Legislature and to safeguard against any question of regularity.

Whether the crucial lining up of Union Republicans for and against giving the Regular Republicans the first choice and one-third of the legislative offices will result in an organization being effected in Senate and House is still an open question. One thing is certain. A Regular Republican cannot be elected president pro tem. of the Senate by Republican voters if six of the Union Republican Senators bolt the Union caucus and adhere to the intention, as expressed by Senator Connor and Senator T. C. Moore, to vote for nobody other than a Union Republican for president pro tem.

Some of the Union Republican Assemblymen who are striving to banish factionalism and bring about a united party incline to the opinion that Senator Connor and his unswerving six will unseat enough on Monday or some day of next week to permit of Senator George W. Sparks being chosen president pro tem. of the Senate, Representative (William D. Denney, being elected Speaker of the House, so that plans for a ceremonious inauguration of Governor-elect Preston Lea can be made and the wheels of legislation be set in motion.

GOOD COUNTY ROADS

To offset a possible movement to repeal the good roads law and to continue the agitation in favor of the construction of highways in this county, permanent organization of the New Castle County Good Roads Association was effected at a meeting held at the Levy Court rooms in the county court house Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Charles D. Bird was elected president; Julian C. Walker, secretary, and Thomas T. Weldin, treasurer of the association, and a committee was appointed to go before the Legislature for the purpose of having the present law continued for two more years.

This resolution was adopted by the body after a general discussion.

Be It Resolved by the New Castle County Good Roads Association, assembled in the City of Wilmington, January 5th, 1905:

1. That the building of good roads in the United States is of a paramount importance to national prosperity and commercial supremacy.
2. That the greatest progress in the improvement of the public highways has been made in the states which have adopted the principle of state and local co-operation, and consequently this association declares itself in favor of state aid in the improvement of the public highways.
3. That we strongly and unqualifiedly approve of the system of permanent highway improvement begun in this state under and by virtue of the new state aid law, approved April 14th, 1903, and we respectfully petition the Legislature of this state to allow the present state aid law to remain in force, for at least two years.
4. That this resolution favoring the state aid law now in force in this state and asking for further appropriation for the ensuing two years be presented to the Legislature of the State of Delaware by a committee to be selected by the president of this association, who shall arrange the date and place of meeting in Dover, and for the presentation of the said resolution by the said committee to the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives of this state having such matters in charge, and that in selecting said committee, two members shall be selected from the City of Wilmington, and one member from each of the hundreds in New Castle County, outside of the City of Wilmington.

The Legislative committee appointed follows:

Brandywine Hundred—Thomas T. Weldin; Christiansburg Hundred, James H. Polk; Wilmington Hundred, Fred E. Bach, James P. Winchester; Mill Creek Hundred, S. Frank Ewart; Wilmington, John S. Mullin, Jr., Chas. D. Bird, T. Coleman du Pont; White Clay Creek, Dr. A. T. Neale, Newark; New Castle, John T. Hayes; Pender, John W. Dayet; Red Lion, Richard T. Cam; St. Georges, George L. Townsend; Appoquinimink, George M. D. Hart; Blackbird, Harry A. Wood-keeper.

A committee of J. Wilkins Cooch, Merritt N. Willits and Fred E. Bach was appointed to draw up the by-laws and constitution of the association.

The meeting which was called to order by Mayor Bird was the outcome of the recent good roads meeting held at the Irish-American Hall when it was the consensus of opinion that Kent and Sussex counties which are doing practically nothing in the way of constructing permanent highways would attempt to have the good roads law repealed at the coming session of the General Assembly.

On the motion of George L. Townsend Mayor Bird was made permanent chairman and Mr. Walker permanent secretary. Mr. Weldin was later elected treasurer on motion of Mr. Bach.

Mr. Bach in an address before the body said he was partly responsible for the agitation concerning better highways and he held that such was necessary owing to the lack of agitation in the lower part of the state.

After a lengthy discussion the resolution was adopted, after the section providing for doubling the appropriation for the coming two years had been stricken out, objection being made by Arnold Naudain who held that the two lower counties would antagonize the bill.

Mr. Willits objected to the association committing itself to the present good roads law, and he suggested that the Levy Court have more control of good roads.

State Highway Commissioner C. J. Horigan declared that the Levy Court had no say about good roads hereafter, whether it had the right or not.

Mayor Bird ruled this discussion out of order, explaining that the adoption of the resolution did not bind the committee appointed to draft the bill.

Good roads talks were given by former Levy Court Commissioner Charles McGinnison, Philip Pierson and several others, and all expressed themselves as being in favor of permanent highways. Mr. Pierson declared, however, that the Elmere road is wearing out and that it will have to be looked after carefully by the county.

Mayor Bird declared that one way to reduce the tax rate of the county is to provide better roads. He expressed himself as being a great believer in the good roads project and impressed upon his hearers the necessity for honesty in the management of the county.

Mr. Willits in an address spoke of the system of hundred roads as a conglomerate of waste and loss to taxpayers. He took issue with the present good roads system and thought that the association should go slow until it is sure that the present one is the best.

Shawmut Tribe's Officers

Chesapeake Red Men, Shawmut Tribe, No. 133, Imp. O. R. M., of Chesapeake City, at a recent meeting elected the following officers: Sachem, Albert Johnson; Sagamore, Harry Morgan; John Sagamore, Harry Joyce; Prophet, Frank Howard; Chief of Records, Andrew Slicer; Keeper of Wampum, William T. Harriott; Trustees, James Curry, Charles Carby; Harry Joyce, Representative to Great Council, Andrew Slicer.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS

Miss Alice Boniden has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Griffith, Jr.

Mr. John Banks spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Joseph Egee visited his mother Mrs. Annie T. Egee.

Miss Mazie Dashiell is visiting relatives in Queen Anne Co., Md.

Miss Alice Clark is visiting her sister Mrs. E. H. Biddle near Earleville.

Miss Harriet Pierce has been spending the holidays with her parents at Germantown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Damerel, of Mount Clair, N. J., visited her parents Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Perry.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church, met at the home of Mrs. William Boren on Thursday evening.

Rev. Edward Foulks, of Boston, and Clinton Foulks, of Wilmington, visited their grand-mother, Mrs. Ethel Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Teale and Mr. George Teal, of Baltimore, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Lake near town.

Messrs. John Evans, of Elkton, and Dare Hopkins, of Rising Sun, visited at the home of Mr. Joseph Steele last week.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the National Bank, of this town, will be held on January 10th, between 10 and 12 o'clock.

T. P. Conrey, Jr., of the class 1906, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been made Secretary of the Club of the University.

Watch meeting service was held in the M. E. Church on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. Extra meeting beginning on Sunday evening.

The Presbyterian Sunday School gave their Christmas treat on Wednesday evening, before prayer meeting. Santa Claus was on hand.

Miss Julia Beaton and Claude Beaton, of Philadelphia, have been spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beaton.

Miss Delia Way a student at the Northfield Seminary is being entertained by Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Dashiell, she is canvassing the town for subscriptions to "Success."

Misses Florence Egee, Linnie Beaton and Ida Bonchele, Messrs. Frank Howard, Lindell Beaton and Gifford Ellison attended the dance at Cecilton last Thursday evening.

The Euchre Club was entertained by Mrs. Dorsey Dunlap and Miss Edith Willits last Thursday evening. The prizes were won by Misses Hattie Morgan and Florence Boulden. The gentlemen's by Messrs. Harry Howard and John M. Reed, Jr.

WARWICK

Our public schools reopened on Tuesday last.

Harry C. Aiken, of Middletown, was a caller in town Tuesday.

Mrs. William Vinvard and son Jesse are visiting in Wilmington.

Mr. Perkins S. State will start for Colorado on Monday next.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Early Mass at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church tomorrow morning.

Misses Will and Josephine Aiken, of Delaware City, were visitors in town the past week.

Mr. Urie P. Ginn removed from "Fair Oaks," near town, to a farm near Odessa on Tuesday last.

Miss Ethelora R. Finley, of Aberdeen, was the guest of Mrs. Wilson Merritt during the past week.

A peculiar kind of disease is going around among horses. Veterinarians claim it to be a humor in the blood.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Wilson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear, of Bohemia Manor, last Wednesday.

Mr. James S. Merritt, Jr., son of Dr. James Merritt, of Gots, removed to his fathers farm on the suburbs of town, and will engage in farming during the year.

Mrs. Sallie Gunkle and daughter, Miss Bessie entertained at dinner on Monday Mrs. John F. Earnest, of Sassafras; Mrs. John R. H. Price and children and Mrs. Simon Duryea, of near town.

On Wednesday evening next the following officers will be installed in Washington Camp No. 8, P. O. S. of A. P. P. Powell, President, E. N. Manlove; Vice President, Edgar Bishop; M. of F. T. C. Lynch; Recording Secretary, W. J. Leland, Jr.; Financial Secretary, A. R. Merritt; Treasurer, R. B. Merritt, Jr.; Conductor, Hansom King; Guards, M. E. Manlove; W. T. Vinyard, John Holden and Louis P. King.

SASSAFRAS

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross was in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Thomas Stradley removed his family to Galena on Monday.

Mr. Frederick Boyles, of near Middletown, visited friends here on Sunday.

Our schools resumed work on Tuesday morning after the Christmas recess of ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith are entertaining their brother, Mr. Patchen Hyrons, of Wilmington.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, of Red Lion, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Helen and Mary Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Robins have returned from a ten days sojourn with Philadelphia relatives.

Miss Alice Dreka visited Philadelphia several days this week. She was accompanied home by Miss Ruth Mitchell of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka tendered their daughters, Misses Treva and May, a party on Thursday evening. A fine collation was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd tendered their daughters, Misses Helen and Mildred, a party on Tuesday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent. An elegant collation was served.

A very pleasant party was tendered Masters John F. Jr., and Douglas Ernest by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest on Saturday evening. Dancing, games and music were indulged in and a delightful time was had by all.

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After a most successful season, the Steamer "Clio" made her last trip from Odessa to Philadelphia on Saturday last, and will not resume her semi-weekly trips until about March 1st.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 29th: S. N. Hazel, George Hooper, Robert Wilson.

If you have not paid your subscription to THE TRANSCRIPT for 1904, call or remit by mail. Remember, printers are busy, and as such they need money to keep going and to buy paper. Call early to avoid the rush and help a good cause.

We hear of many new dwellings that will be erected during the present year, and don't see when spring opens up, the local contractors and carpenters will be busy. The year of 1904 was a very busy one with our carpenters, and indications are very good for 1905.

On Monday evening, January 23, Miss Madeline Pennington gave a surprise party in honor of her sister Miss Addie, at their beautiful home near Odessa. After dancing until a late hour, all were invited to the dining-room where refreshments, consisting of all the delicacies of the season were served in abundance.

Members of Seneca Tribe, No. 44, Imp. Order of Red Men are hereby notified that Seneca Tribe will kindle its regular council fire on the steps of the 3d Sun of every seven suns, instead of the 5th Sun of every seven suns. Take notice and be governed accordingly.
 Yours in F. F. & C.
 Chief of Records.

We have received some very pretty calendars this year. The Wilmington Sash, Door & Blind Co., mailed us one entitled "City Cousins," which has been greatly admired, and the well known firm of J. G. Harrison & Sons, the nurserymen, of Berlin, Md., have gotten up one of the prettiest calendars which has come to our office.

Eggs are among the scarcest articles in the local market, and sell readily at 36 cents per dozen. They are also reported extremely scarce in the city markets. The western stock is sold at wholesale at 26 cents, while the nearby sells at 33 and 34 cents, and many dealers say they see no material difference to warrant the difference in cost.

Blizzards conditions prevailed Tuesday night and Wednesday, with a blinding snow storm driving much of Tuesday night and a high wind, which continued all day Wednesday. The wind began to blow Tuesday afternoon while rain was falling. The rain was followed by hail and the hail by snow, and as a result traveling on the streets Wednesday was decidedly unpleasant.

Dr. G. B. Pearson is now occupying his new offices on South Broad street, and after the improvements are all made, the doctor will have the most cozy office in town. The second floor of the building has been nicely equipped for living quarters, the improvements consisting of a fine bathroom, electric lights, etc., and the interior of the building is everything that could be desired.

The new year, in making its bow Sunday, broke all temperature records. It was more like May 1st than January 1st. The mercury climbed to 58 degrees, the mark reached at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while the lowest figures registered for the day was 39 degrees, at 5 A. M. Never before since the establishment of the weather bureau, in 1876, has such a high temperature been recorded on the first day of the year.

On Friday evening December 30th Mrs. F. J. Pennington gave a dance in honor of Mr. Lee Pennington's dancing class. The class having presented their teacher with a handsome watch fob. The guests were Messrs. George, John and Joseph Heldermyer, Chance Cleaver, Lee Cochran, Harvey and John Vothell, Clarence George and S. Carleton Pennington, Mr. Jack Crouch, of Middletown; Mr. A. M. Brown, of Boston; Dr. and Mrs. Edward Barnham, of Wilmington; Dr. Robert Darrell, of Baltimore; Miss Annie Pennington, Mrs. Ella Pennington, of Middletown; Miss Carrie Roe, of Massesey; Miss Hattie George, Mary Pleasant, Jennie and Ethel Cochran, Martha Cochran and Viola Cleaver.

The lifeless body of John Johnson colored, of Townsend was found in the gravel pit near Old St. Anne's Church, on Wednesday. The dead man was in town, on Tuesday, looking freely, and later in the day started for his home, and it is supposed that he was frozen to death during the snow storm. The coroner was notified and instructed undertaker J. H. Emerson to take charge of the remains. At the inquest which was held yesterday morning the jury rendered a verdict that the man met his death by freezing while intoxicated. The remains were shipped to Farnham for interment yesterday. Johnson had only recently been released from the workhouse, where he had served one year for attempting to enter several houses in Middletown last year.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Ada Roberts is the guest of friends in Smyrna.

Miss Mary Maxwell spent last week in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Joseph C. Jell's was a Wilmington visitor Monday.

Miss Lily A. Carter spent last Sunday with Port Penn relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Holton will leave today for a visit with her sister in Smyrna.

Mr. E. S. Jones and son Victor spent Sunday in the City of Brotherly Love.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg has returned from New York, where he spent New Year's.

Mr. J. B. Hyatt, of Baltimore, was the guest of friends in town Monday evening.

Miss Elsie R. Jones and guest, Mrs. Isabel Thayer, spent Monday in Wyoming.

Miss Frances Dempsey, of Dover, was entertained over Sunday by Miss Jennie Jones.

Mr. Horace Moore left Wednesday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Eva Atkins, of Laurel, is visiting her sister Mrs. C. T. Wyatt, at the M. E. parsonage.

Mrs. Isabel Thayer, of Philadelphia, spent the New Year's holidays with Miss Elsie Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward P. Barnham, of Wilmington, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pennington.

Miss Lily Scott who has been confined to her room for several weeks is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and niece, Miss Mildred Connolly, of Atlantic City, are visiting Miss Mary Maxwell.

Mr. John Metten, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten.

Mrs. N. J. Williams left on Monday for New York City, where she expects to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. John Solway and daughter, Miss Lillian, have been visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Solway, in Dover.

Mr. A. A. Hunkill, Jr., of Syracuse, N. Y., was in town this week, and received the glad hand of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toppon, of Philadelphia, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor, near town, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mendinall and children, of Wilmington, were entertained by her father, Mr. C. H. Cochran.

Master Jack Clandaniels, of Kennedyville, Md., spent last week with his uncle, Mr. Leslie F. Schreitz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran and children, and Mr. Preston Hardeste of New York, have been visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Julia Price and mother Mrs. E. S. Wilson, of Baltimore, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Wyatt at the M. E. parsonage for several days this week.

Mr. Daniel W. Hutchin, supervising principal of the Northern Liberty Grammar School, Philadelphia, and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were guests of Miss Mary Hutchin last week.

REMEMBERED THEIR PASTOR
 Rev. O. L. Martin and family of St. George's, were very kindly remembered by friends and members of his congregation during the holidays. A beautiful Oxford bible with name in gold was presented to Rev. Martin; to Mrs. Martin a large home-made fruit cake and a silver candelabra exquisite in design and workmanship, and to little Miss Vaughan who was at home for the holidays from The Girls Latin School, Baltimore, a lovely red lace handkerchief, so delicate and beautiful, which she brought with her, and which she had brought with her to the collection of the Italian Queen-Mother, Margherita. Hardly a day dawned but what it brought baskets containing poultry, both live and dressed, canned fruits, sausage, fresh meats, cakes, olives, pickles, and such as gladden the hearts of humanity, be he prince or peasant; for it remains a fact that a "Servant of the Lord" is human and is obliged to "break bread" in order to subsist. On Thursday evening the good ladies accompanied by their "better halves" called at the parsonage led by Mrs. Thomas McCoy and wife, who were accompanied by the Reverend pastor and his family again upon their bounty. This happy Thursday evening will long live in the memory of those present. Mrs. Martin and Miss Vaughan delighted their guests with classical musical selections both vocal and on piano, violin and cornet. Rev. Martin will sever his relations as pastor of St. George's M. E. Church at the close of this conference year, and it will be a great loss to the church and community to give up this able Christian minister and his delightful and cultured family.

CLUB SHOOT
 The Middletown Shooting Association held an interesting shoot on Tuesday afternoon, and after the smoke had cleared from the scene of action, the following scores were shown:

Mrs. Martin, to Mrs. Martin a large home-
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 and to little Miss Vaughan who was at
 home for the holidays from The Girls
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 fully wrought that it might well claim
 having formerly belonged to the renowned
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..TROUBLESOME LENORE..

BY MARGOT MAUDE

CHAPTER I

"You must not wait any longer. It isn't fair, Hope! Charles has waited for two years, and—well, if you don't care enough for him to marry him now, you had better break off the engagement!" But the speaker smiled. He knew perfectly well that his sister was devoted to her fiancé, and that she only delayed her marriage because she found it hard to cut old ties and to leave the brother with whom she had lived since her school days.

Hope and Angus had spent many happy days together, but two years ago the girl had fallen in love with Charles Fairford, and who had come back to India after she had promised to marry him—as soon as she could leave Angus.

"Don't talk nonsense," she said now, in answer to her brother. She was very pretty, and very like Angus; their Scotch blood showed itself plainly in their fresh fair faces, their crisp fair hair, and their blue eyes. But she was more than ten years younger than he was, and her face was not so hard and resolute.

"You know perfectly well that I am not going to give up Charles, even for you; but it is not that I feel of going so far away; and—oh, I know you promise, but you are such a lazy creature, Angus—when once I go out to India it will be good-bye forever! You will never come out to see me!"

"There are homesteads as well as outward-bound steamers, you know, Hope!"

"Yes; but we shall not be too late, I expect."

"Then you think it will be an eternal farewell when I ship you off to Charles?" But his eyes twinkled as he spoke the words.

"I know that we shall never see very much of one another again, and I can't take it quite so coolly as you do, Angus."

"My dear Hope!"—for once he spoke earnestly enough—"what is the good of lamenting? I have heard from Charles by this mail, and it is hard on him! This is the third time you have put it off, and you mustn't do it again. You must sail in September. Charles can get leave and come home and marry you, which is, I think, very preferable to your going out and being married in India, and so—"

"And you, Angus?"

"I shall get on all right. I can hurry on my own marriage."

"I don't think May is in any great hurry," Hope said dryly.

"No—neither am I! It is rather a mistake, the whole thing, isn't it? But if one's life—"

"Hope, do you know that I have never regretted anything so much in all my life as I have that I allowed myself to be persuaded into consenting to that arrangement!"

"You couldn't well do anything else!" Hope said dubiously. "It seemed hard on May—if she were willing."

"Was she so willing? They all told us so, I know, and they managed to work you up into a state of pity for May, and to make you think that she would feel it so if I slighted her publicly by refusing to carry out the old man's wishes; but I begin to think now that they may have tried the same game on with May. They may have told her that it was hard on me, etc., etc. Not even you can pretend to think that May is violently in love with me—"

"No; but—"

"Or I with her. However, as old Lord Melford kindly mentioned in his will that we must keep the place and the money together by marrying each other, and we were good enough to consent, there was no help for it. And it is more than a year ago now! I suppose we shall have to be married some day—we can't well go on like this much longer—but I think it is a great mistake."

"You would have been obliged to have let Stanley—practically to have given it up?"

"Well?"

"And I suppose he was afraid of May being married for her money?"

"May is good-looking enough to be married on her own account. However, it is done now, and we can't undo it. At present, May is enjoying very well, I think, and Stanley is kept up with her money. If I don't like it, it is my own fault for agreeing to it!"

"Don't you think it would be almost better to ask May to marry you soon, and to try to get fond of each other?" Hope asked the question hurriedly and nervously. "I don't understand May very well, but I think she may perhaps be offended and hurt that you don't try to make her marry you."

"May isn't that sort of person," he replied dryly. "When she feels inclined to be married I dare say she will let me know. In the meantime, we may as well both of us enjoy life in our own way."

"When you have got 'rod me,' as she said, with a little malice, 'how are you going to get on here? What about the people you have invited to come in the autumn?'"

"I thought of writing and asking Agnes Daintrey to come and look after me. Don't you think it would be a good plan, Hope? She is a very nice woman and a very difficult one to help, because of her unbecoming pride; but if she came and acted as hostess here it would be a nice change for her, and any one can get on with Agnes."

"You mean May could? And of course you can't have May here unless you have a hostess. I think it is a good idea, Angus. I am very fond of cousin Agnes, and she must have a very dull time. She would make you so comfortable that you mustn't miss me," she added dismally; "but of course I don't want you to miss me, and—"

"But there is one thing you must remember—there is Lenore to consider now—"

"She can come too."

"Yes; I think that it would be an even better thing for her than for cousin Agnes—if you think that you can manage her."

"Manage her?"

"Well, it is more than Angus can do!" Hope laughed at the dismay expressed on her brother's countenance. "I heard all sorts of stories about her from Jeanie Duncan. You know, Lenore went to Jeanie's school as pupil-teacher or under-governor or something of that sort, and was sent away for flirting with the masters."

"Great Scott!"

"But she is only a child!" Hope went on pityingly. "She cannot be more than nineteen now. Poor cousin Agnes was in a great way though, they say, and since then she has kept Lenore at home, and they have pupils, I believe. Yes—let them come here, Angus," she added quickly; "and give them both a good time, like the dear boy that you are!"

"You can't make cousin Agnes presentable!" she protested—but it was clear that she really meant some other thing, surely she couldn't regard such an invitation as charity! And it will be so nice for the girl too. She was away from her mother so long—when Agnes was in her situation—and has been brought up in cloister schools—what could one expect but that she should try to amuse herself—"

"By flirting with the masters!" Hope, who had been talking for an age, and had drifted away from your marriage as usual. But you quite understand? I mean what I say, and that there is to be no more delay. You are to write to Charles by this mail, as I shall, and you are to be ready to marry him in August!"

"Any more commands? I might turn round and say that you must not delay."

"Charles is not so patient as May and myself."

"The case is quite different."

"Yes—I suppose it is; and poor Charles has been very good. I had never thought of cousin Agnes, Angus, or perhaps I might have suggested it sooner; but I knew you didn't want to be hurried into marrying, and I thought that you would be so uncomfortable without any one to look after things for you."

"Poor old Hope! So you acknowledge that at last! If you had given me the smallest hint, my dear, you might have been married long ago. I thought you were not very keen."

"I have had a very happy time," Hope said dreamily. "But may I write too to cousin Agnes?"

"And beg her to have pity on me? Perhaps it would be as well. If you tell her that you can't marry Charles unless she comes here, it may have some effect. You might write to Lenore at the same time, and say that she mustn't flirt here—that it isn't allowed!"

"Don't be a goose! She will be under cousin Agnes's eye, and have plenty of other things to amuse herself with. But it would really be a very good thing if she should meet some one."

"No match-making! My dear Hope, but I don't think that even you can look upon it as wholly satisfactory. Don't try it on again."

"If I thought that I had had any hand in making you unhappy—"

"My dear child, do I look unhappy?"

"No—I may wish sometimes that I had been allowed to have a little free choice in the matter of my future wife; but still I do not forget all the advantages which accompany the bargain, nor the fact that May is far too good for me."

"That she is not!"

"Or, again, that I might have made a fool of myself—one hears of such things. Perhaps I might have married my housemaid."

"Hope disclaimed to reply."

"I am going to write my letters," she said. "If you have quite finished talking nonsense, perhaps you will write yours. It will mean rather a rush, Angus—with a little flash of excitement on her pretty face. 'Remember, I shall have my trousers to get.'"

"If you can't buy a few frocks and fairs in three months, I am sorry for you."

"A few frocks?" his sister replied contemptuously. "That is all you know about it! I shall have to have a fortnight in town, at least!"

"That can easily be arranged. Run along now, like a good child and leave me to write my letters in peace."

"Dear little Hope! She should have her happiness, however much she might miss her and selfishly wish to keep her near him! Charles Fairford was a good fellow and thoroughly devoted to her. If only he had been stationed in England, their marriage would have been all that he could have wished for. But these things had to be accepted as they came, and as for himself he would be comfortable enough if Agnes Daintrey would come to look after the household arrangements for him. As Hope had said, it would be a good thing for her and her girls."

It was odd to think of Agnes with a grown-up daughter. He had not seen her for nearly four years, and Lenore had been at school then. Agnes looked daintily neat, and calm and fresh, and gave no sign of the long years of widowhood which had been hers, or of the great suffering, anxiety and poverty which she had known. But her hair had turned very gray, though she was only forty-two years of age—he himself was but seven years younger—and he could remember when she was a boy, and she had been engaged to be married to Edmund Daintrey. She had been a light-hearted girl then and universally beloved.

Always proud, always unwilling to be dependent on others, that pride had grown by giant strides in her trials, until all the members of her family, all her relations and connections, had grown to know that it was of no use to offer her aid unless she were very skillfully disguised. She would not accept of gifts, she had a very small annuity, and as she said, she could work.

Lenore had been only two years old when her father had died. Angus Macmillan had found a little as he thought of her. She was rather an undesirable appendage to Agnes. It was a great pity that she was not still at school, flirting with the masters. She smiled involuntarily as he thought of Agnes's daughter sent away for flirting. Poor Lenore! Very likely she had suffered too. He drew his chair nearer to the writing table and began his letter to Charles Fairford. He wrote it gladly, for, though he would miss his sister who was very dear to him, he knew that that letter would be a welcome one to Fairford, who was waiting impatient under repeated delays, and who would be so delighted to be able to come home in August and to carry off Hope to far-away India.

Upstairs, Hope was writing too, and there a little flash of joy on her fair face. She loved Angus very dearly, but she

loved Charles more, and her pen flew rapidly over the paper as she told him all about Angus's plan of having cousin Agnes and little Lenore at Freewly, which would make it all quite easy for her to leave him.

"I didn't want to hurry on his marriage," she wrote quickly. "You know I don't feel quite easy about that, Charles, though I did try to bring it on. They have been engaged, and I think May shakes her sometimes, though at others I think there must be something I don't understand in it, and that perhaps she has a good reason for delaying their marriage. But if cousin Agnes will agree to come to look after Angus until his wedding comes off, I shall be quite content about him, and it will be a rest for her, poor dear! Do you remember her? She was at Denton when I first met you. A small woman with a sweet face and grayish hair; but there—I can't describe cousin Agnes, and I haven't time if I could! They will be coming for the letters directly, and I have still to write to her, as well as to finish this to you. You will believe that I am a good deal of a long waiting to come to an end? I would have come to you long ago if it had not been for Angus. He has been so good to me all my life, ever since we were left alone when I was quite a little girl—I don't think there ever was such a good brother—that I felt I couldn't leave him while I knew that he wanted me. You will come as soon as possible, Charles, won't you, so that you may have some time in England? It seems such an age since I last saw you."

She broke off and sat still, with her eyes gazing dreamily before her and a smile upon her lips as she thought of the last time that she had seen him, when, as she remembered once again, she had not much time, she finished off the letter quickly, kissed it before she put it into its envelope, and then wrote another to Mrs. Daintrey. She worded it carefully and thoughtfully, for she knew that she must use every argument that she was likely to convince cousin Agnes that she was really wanted and necessary to Angus. When that was finished she went down stairs to Angus to see if he had finished his letters, and to beg to be allowed to see the one which he had written to Agnes Daintrey. Although Angus was so much more nearly the same age as Mrs. Daintrey than she was, still Hope felt that she knew Mrs. Daintrey much better than her brother did, for she had cherished an earnest if distant worship for her since she was quite a little girl.

"Satisfactory?" he asked, and laughed as he watched her intent face whilst she read his letter. His writing was indistinct, and she carefully pondered over each word.

"Quite!" She smiled brightly. "I don't see how she can refuse."

CHAPTER II

Agnes did not refuse; but she wrote a letter which showed her to be somewhat undecided. She thanked Angus very sincerely for his kind offer. It meant, as she knew, a home where she would have everything to make her happy, and where she felt that she could easily undertake all that he wanted of her; but—The "buts" did not seem very serious; yet there was, underlying the whole long letter, which was written in a more hurried and agitated style than Agnes Daintrey's were wont to be, a distinct anxiety and uncertainty. There were objections to the plan which she could not help but see. Of course, if Lenore came with her, she should not accept the salary which Angus offered in addition to all the other advantages of the post. If Lenore were fed and housed, the savings would repay her amply; but would it be wise to bring Lenore there? She was young, and might hardly understand the position which would be hers as the daughter of Angus's housekeeper.

"I know you will both cry out at the word," she wrote, more naturally; "and of course I know that I am a lady and Angus's relation, though not a near one. Still, though the position would be for me quite easy, for Lenore it might be different; she would have few duties and necessarily much freedom, and I am not sure whether the plan would be wise, one, though I know that Angus would help me in looking after her. My poor Lenore has never known a father's or a brother's care, and has, I think, suffered from the want. I thought at first of writing to accept your offer for myself alone, and of trying to get some regular employment for Lenore; but she is very young, and work is not easily found for her. Will you write and tell me candidly your own idea about this? I believe that some people think that I am too old on Lenore because I see her faults and try to correct or overlook them, but I would not allow her to become an inmate of Angus's home unless I thought that she would in no way cause him annoyance or discomfort. Then, also, though I should not like you to think me inquisitive or presuming, I can't help asking if Angus's marriage is likely to come off very soon—say in less than three months—say, in that case, I am afraid I should hardly feel justified in giving up the work we have here. Should it be so, this would not matter, for in the six months I should have plenty of time to make other arrangements. I have written this letter to you both conjointly, though you each wrote to me; but I have added a tiny note to Hope, which I trust she will answer at once."

Hope, who had been reading the letter in Angus's study, looked up with rather a dismayed face, but found Angus smiling amusedly.

"This child seems to have established an enviable reputation in her short life," he remarked dryly. "How old is she? Nineteen?"

"Yes. Let me have my private note, Angus. I do hope that she hasn't done anything extraordinary or naughty."

She took the note—it was only a twisted piece of paper—and read it. Her face cleared as she read.

"Oh, no! It is nothing about Lenore at all. It is only—how like cousin Agnes!—to ask me to write to tell her plainly and truly whether you really do want her, or if this is only another attempt to benefit her? I thought she would ask that, though I am sure that I explained as clearly as I could how suitable she would be, and that the thought of her coming made me feel that I could go to India in comfort, as I knew that you would be happy under her care. I can answer that easily enough. But what about Lenore? I suppose what cousin Agnes means is that if Lenore stays here you may miss it!"

"If the child is only nineteen, surely

Agnes and I between us can keep her in order," said Angus, rather contentedly.

They both replied to Mrs. Daintrey's letter, and this time apparently allayed her scruples.

"You have only to tell me when you are likely to want me," she wrote, "and I will arrange to come to you then. Hope very kindly wishes me to be at her wedding, and I dare say I could be useful then."

"So that's settled!" said Angus, who was rather relieved. "And now I can form my plans; and you may marry Charles with a quiet mind. May wants to come here in October."

"Does she seem to be pleased about cousin Agnes?"

"She says that she thinks it rather a good plan," her brother answered rather dryly, for, though he certainly had no wish to hasten their marriage, still Lady May's apparent indifference to the whole matter irritated him.

"And she says nothing about thinking of—"

"Marrying me? Nothing. She talks of going to Norway with the Skeltons next summer."

"Next summer! Another whole year? You can't allow that, Angus dear. Surely you ought to marry her in the spring, at any rate?"

"I shall talk it over with her when she comes. It won't be sooner under any circumstances, and I should think in all probability it will be later. If she has made up her mind to go with the Skeltons she will probably do so. What she sees in those people I don't know! Aunt Keble should not allow her to be so constantly with them."

"May does pretty much as she likes always; and the Skeltons are very nice," Hope replied rather half-heartedly.

"Yes; but as she was popularly supposed to be engaged to Fred Skelton a year or two ago, it would perhaps be in better taste not to stay with them quite so much."

"They have quite got over that now," said his sister soothingly. "And I—I didn't think you would have been jealous Angus!"

"Jealous!" He laughed; and it was a very heart-whole laugh. "I don't think I am jealous, Hope, only I don't care to be made a fool of!"

"If she wanted to marry Mr. Skelton, there was really no reason why she shouldn't have done so. I don't think that it is very likely that she will throw you over for him."

"No—I think that she will stick to Stanley!"

"Angus, you are awfully unjust to May sometimes!"

"Perhaps I am. Honestly, I think that she likes Stanley better than she likes me—I may be mistaken."

"I think you are."

Hope wrote to Mrs. Daintrey, and begged that she would come not later than the beginning of August.

"If she will take over the management of the house and servants and everything then," Hope said to her brother, "it will leave me quite free at the last, when I shall of course be dreadfully busy. One feels so safe with cousin Agnes. She will do everything so beautifully."

June and July passed away without any change in this plan. Charles Fairford expected to be in England about the tenth of August, and the wedding was fixed for the seventeenth; the honeymoon was to be in a fortnight, and then he and Hope would come back to Freewly until their ship sailed for India.

Mrs. Daintrey and Lenore arrived at Freewly on the first day of August. Angus and Hope were there alone, for Hope had begged that no guests might be asked during those weeks, and Angus had very willingly agreed. He was very fond of Hope, and she was going away from him forever. He would miss her in a thousand ways, and each week the time drew nearer. Hope went to meet Mrs. Daintrey and her daughter. As they got out of the carriage it was still bright daylight. Angus was standing in the doorway and received Mrs. Daintrey very affectionately.

"It is good of you to come to me, Agnes," he said warmly as he took her hand. "And you shall be as happy as I can make you here."

"You try to make everyone happy," he said, "and I hope to be useful to you. This is Lenore; she is grown into a great girl since you saw her last." Lenore had stepped out of the carriage leisurely, and had stopped to have a good look around—a look which she took in the horses with their satin-streaked backs and the trim well-appointed room. She turned around as her mother spoke, and looked straight at Angus with her gray eyes.

"What a glorious pair of eyes!" exclaimed Angus mentally. They were the first thing to come to everybody when they looked at Lenore. Her eyes were always the first things to be noticed, and the rest of her pretty face fell into insignificant beside them.

"So this is Lenore?" He spoke the words just a shade dry, and then, as if ashamed of himself, added with more warmth, "I am very glad to see you. I hope that you too will be happy here. I am happy anywhere." She said the words a little carelessly. Already her eyes had left his face and were wandering in admiring inspection around the hall.

"Lenore!" said her mother's grave patient voice, and the girl flushed a little. She looked up at Angus, and with graceful ease spoke a few words in acknowledgment of his goodness in asking her these questions.

"She is very young"—and Agnes Daintrey looked at the lovely face with eyes which were darkened with anxiety—"but she will soon grow sensible."

"Like you, mother? Never! It isn't in me!" Lenore spoke the words decidedly. "But I will do my best to be inoffensive."

Then they went up-stairs to their rooms, leaving Angus a little bewildered and half annoyed.

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